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ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Soap Box—

Words from our President



HELP WANTED! The SCDXC has two positions open for an energetic self starting member of our club. Qualifications include a willingness to help improve the club and a wish to give something back to what is arguably the premier DX club in the country. The successful applicant must hold a valid FCC amateur radio license and be a full member of the SCDXC. The first position available is that of Vice President for the 2006 term. As of now we have no VP candidate, if you would be interested in this position please contact me at (n6dhz@scdxc.org) or Bubba at (w6zpl@scdxc.org). The second position we have open is for a newsletter editor. This position will be open starting with the December issue. The club needs someone who is ready to jump in and take over. Again if you are interested please contact myself or Bubba.

This issue will be the last issue for Harvey, K6EXO as the editor of the newsletter. Harvey has done a magnificent job with the newsletter and every member owes Harvey a big thank you for doing such a great job for so many years. Harvey has been a great help to me in my tenure on the board and I will always appreciate his advise, knowledge, counsel and friendship. Thanks Harvey for a job well done!

If you don't have you reservations for the holiday Party it is time to get'r done. We will have the same huge private room we had last year at the Orange Hill restaurant. The date for the party is Sunday December 4th at 12:30pm. Last year everyone had a great time, and I mean everyone enjoyed themselves. We had a record breaking crowd last year with over 80 members, family and friends in attendance. It's no wonder we had such a crowd since you just can't get any better food or a better group of people to celebrate the holidays with. The cost is \$30.00 per person and you can find all the details at www.scdxc.org/holiday.html so lets see if we can set another attendance record this year. We will also have the usual larger than normal raffle with a special grand prize. I look forward to seeing all of you again this year.

The convention committee has had their second planning meeting for the 2006 International DX Convention (www.dxconvention.org) and things are moving right on along. By the time you read this we should have the registration forms up on the web. I think the committee has a few new and fun things for the convention and as usual I'm sure we will have a great time. If you are interested in helping with the convention please send an e-mail to visalia@dxconvention.org and our webmaster will get you added to the mailing list for the next meeting.

As the temperature gets cooler and the days get shorter I'm starting to see some signs of life on 75m both in the evening and in the mornings. Hopefully we will see some good openings this year and I can finally get finished with my 5BDXCC. I can remember when I thought that was a goal I would never reach and I will say it has taken a long time but I'm starting to see some light at the end of a long tunnel.

As I mentioned earlier the elections will be held at the January meeting and the board would like to encourage all of you to run for an office. All full members are eligible to run for any office they wish so get your name in the hat. Remember that the best part of being on the board is that you get to attend the board meeting which in true SCDXC fashion are a lot of fun.

That's it for my next to last article in the newsletter, one more month of my ramblings and you won't have me to kick around anymore. Maybe I should not use that phrase, remember what happened to the last guy to use that phrase?

73 and good DX DE Jim, N6DHZ

Next General Meeting

The SCDXC meets the second Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be held October 13, 2005 at Syd Kronenthal Park in Culver City. The park is located 4 blocks west of La Cienega Blvd. and 2 blocks south of Washington Blvd. From the 10 Freeway exit La Cienega south to Washington Blvd. Turn right (west) 4 blocks to McManus Ave (it's La Cienega Ave to the right, McManus to the left). Turn left (south) 2 blocks to the Park. The street dead-ends at the parking lot. Please do not park in the school lot.

See ya there!

de the Veep



A big "Bubba Hi" to all. The October meeting was well attended as usual. It was fun hearing the trials and tribulations of the K7C attempts, contacts and triumphs. I was also glad to hear I was not the only one to transmit on the wrong VFO by mistake. Nice to hear most everyone had a few contacts and filed in their log.

Joe, K6KT, was pleasantly surprised when he was presented with a cake and a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday. The cake depicted his 65th Birthday and celebrated his 50th year in Amateur radio. The cake was tastefully done and enthusiastically eaten, nothing left but the crumbs. A big "Bubba thanks" for all the help cutting and passing out cake and punch. Also, many stayed and helped clean up after the meeting. Thank you again.

The short video presentation on the SteppIR antenna was very interesting. I have never heard anything negative about the antenna other than wanting more elements. We can check with Cathy and Carl after a few months and get an up close and personal evaluation of the giant one they have purchased.

I will look forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting. Bubbas is out of words!

Happy Andy...



EU7SA sporting his SCDXC shirt and new DXCC Challenge Award



Steve's Spot

Hi Steve, W6NRQ here... Okay it's not Steve It's N6DHZ sitting in for Steve. While we were having our meeting for October Steve and his lovely wife were out celebrating their wedding anniversary. Now, for me my anniversary usually falls during the annual pilgrimage to Visalia and I've been pretty lucky so far and Linda has understood and agreed to celebrate the last four in Visalia.

We had a really fun meeting last month. Marian, K5KKT setup a surprise celebration for Joe, K5KT who was celebrating his birthday and the fact that this year marks Joe's 50th anniversary in amateur radio. Joe got his license at a mere 15 years of age, so that would make him... You figure it out.

At the introductions of the attendees we asked two questions, how many times did you work K7C and how many times did you call them on the wrong VFO. So as not to embarrass either party I will not mention who was a frequency hog and who was the lid. We did learn that you have to be real careful and check you radio settings before transmitting after a guest operator has come over to your place and used your radio. Right Bubba?

During the break we were treated to some birthday cake and punch thanks to Marian. I also want to thank Sharon, K6IRD and Bill, N6MXU for helping serve up the goodies. Thanks to Al, K6YRA who provided us with a video on the SteppIR antennas witch was very interesting. Definitely an antenna to take a serious look at.

Of course we had our usual raffle that Bubba did a fine job with and for the life of me I can't remember who won what. But I did want to mention the clubs thanks to Ham Radio Outlet (www.hamradio.com) and Ford Electronics (www.fordelectronics.com) for their support.

Don't forget to get your tickets to the holiday party!

73 and good DX

DE Jim, N6DHZ for the still married Steve, W6NRQ



HOLIDAY PARTY— Dec 4

Yes, it is only 3 weeks until Thanksgiving which means it's only 4 weeks and a couple of days until our annual holiday party.

The Party will once again be at the Orange Hill restaurant in Orange, CA and we will be in the same private room as we were last year. Tickets are \$30.00 and the deadline for tickets is November 28th.

Make you checks payable to SCDXC and mail to Jim Shryne, 10301 Maybrook Ave., Whittier, CA, 90603

Cost = \$30.00 Per Person

Name: _____ Call: _____
Number of Reservations: _____

Mail Check to: Jim Shryne, N6DHZ, 10301 Maybrook Ave., Whittier, CA 90603-2620

Reservations are Due November 28th

Propagation November 2005

by Shel, W6EL



This is the last SCDXC Newsletter Propagation column. I hope you have found these monthly predictions helpful in your quest for DX.

If you are not already using W6ELProp to compute your own predictions, you may download it for free from <http://www.qsl.net/w6elprop/>. Solar flux forecasts are available at

<http://www.sec.noaa.gov/ftpdir/weekly/27DO.txt>.

The following predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations that are expected to be active during the coming month.

Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or lower probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are not listed. A solar flux of 77, corresponding to a sunspot number of 15, and an average geomagnetic field are assumed. Sunrise/sunset times are at the DX location. All times are UTC.

Good luck and good DX from Shel, W6EL.

V6 Micronesia - 11/14 to 11/19 - Beam 274 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/17) 1935/0716
80: 0930-1400.
40: 0730-1430.
15: 2000-0130.

S7 Seychelles - 11/11 to 12/2 - Beam 12 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/22) 0158/1411
40: 0100-0200.
20: 1600-1700 and 2200-2300. Long path 1430-1530.

R1MV Malyj Vysotskij - 11/17 to 11/28 - Beam 16 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/23) 0634/1311
40: 0100-0300.

T8 Palau - 11/20 to 11/25 - Beam 285 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/23) 2047/0822

80: 0930-1430.
40: 0800-1500.
15: 2100-2300.

FP St. Pierre & Miquelon - 11/21 to 11/29 - Beam 55 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/25) 1106/1959
80: 0230-1030.
40: 0430-0830.
20: 1500-1930.

VK9C Cocos-Keeling - 11/21 to 12/1 - Beam 296 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/26) 2302/1139
80: 1330-1400.
40: 1130-1500.
20: 1630-1930.
15: Around 2330.

A5 Bhutan - 11/18 to 12/3 - Beam 274 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/26) 0032/1102
40: 1130-1430.
20: Around 0030.

KH2 Guam - 11/25 to 11/28 - Beam 285 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/27) 2030-0748
80: 1000-1400.
40: 0800-1500.
15: 2020-2300.

TZ Mali - 11/25 to 11/29 - Beam 65 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/27) 0635/1749
80: 0130-0200 and around 0630.
40: 0030-0700.
20: 2000-2300. Long path 1600-1700.
15: 1700-2030.

PZ Suriname - 11/23 to 12/14 - Beam 102 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 12/4) 0941/2125
80: 0200-0930.
40: 0030-1030.
20: 1730-2230.
15: 1730-2030.

Thanks Shel,

It has been a long road since the first issue of M3N3PROP and its evolution to the "standard". I appreciate you hanging in there through a long list of editors and I guess it is time for us ol' guys to make room for the younger set. Best wishes to you and yours. It has been fun. Harv K6EXO

Rich visits ARRL



On a recent trip to New England, my wife Pat (W6VXN) and I were able to visit ARRL Headquarters. As usual, I was greeted warmly and I felt like a member of the "family". As usual, the place was abuzz with activity. Several new Section Managers from Florida, Texas and Virginia were there for New Section Manager training. I met several of them and proceeded to the DXCC Desk where Bill Moore greeted me. After about a half hour of card checking, award applications and writing a hefty check to the League, I left with my #1 Honor Roll plaque, SSB Honor Roll and Challenge Award plaque with endorsements.

I asked Bill Moore if The League had considered a "Patient XYL" award for the fine ladies who stand by us as we climb the ladder to our Ham Radio stardom. He said they had no such award but would consider asking the Board at the next meeting.

I was very happy when Bill Moore agreed to pose for a picture with me. Please see the attached photo. I strongly urge anyone who hasn't visited The League to do so. It's the greatest!

It is so hard to believe the years have gone by so swiftly. I do not recall exactly when I raised my hand and said I would be happy to take over the editors job for SCDXC Newsletter. I figured a few hours a month and we would be flying. NOT so.

I hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletter as much as I have enjoyed putting it together.

But time moves on. I thought that doing the newsletter would provide me with fun and an outlet to fill a void in my life. That it has—and I truly appreciate all the correspondence from you gals and guys.

However, I now face a long series of medical treatments and I just do not have the energy to continue with this task.

There are so many who have worked with me to insure the quality of the newsletter. The articles written by our officers, the photos taken by Jim, Don, Al, Bonnie, and a dozen others. Steve's great pieces from the barrel. Shel's propagation predictions. (Note Shel is retiring with this issue also). My mailing crew—when we used the USPS to deliver the newsletter Len and Ray. My editorial consultant, Harv L. I hope I did not miss anyone but, I am sure I did. To all of you THANKS.

I hope you and your family have a great Holiday Season.

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Harv
K6EXO



OH YES — Remember NEWSLETTER not BULLETIN. Recall the article by W8DX, Harv L

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The following equipment from the estate of KG6OK is available, for pricing please contact Wayne spring, W6IRD at 714-639-3982

1. Alpha 89 Amp a few minor scratches with manual
2. Kenwood SP-950 Speakers both have a few minor scratches, with manual (sheet)
3. Yaesu FT-736R, 2m & 440MHz has one scratch on the top left hand side and a few minor scratches, with SP-767P speaker, Speaker has scratches on the sides, no manual
4. Yaesu FEX-736-220, 220 module for FT-736R, new in box
5. 2EA Digital Communications Inc. 2 meter band pass filters
6. 2EA Astron RS-12A power supply
7. Astron RS-35M power supply
8. Bird 43 watt meter with leather case
9. Bird 25D 200-500MHz 25w slug
10. Bird 100H 2-30MHz 100w slug
11. MFJ 259B antenna analyzer (new)
12. MFJ 259 antenna analyzer
13. Kuranishi BR-200 antenna analyzer (new)
14. Heil HM-10 mic, with HC-4 & 5 elements and Kenwood cable
15. Heil GM-4 Goldline Mic with HC-4 element and standard element
16. Heil TB-1 table stand (new)
17. Heil SB-2 short boom
18. Kenwood TM-D700A dual band mobile
19. Kenwood TM-733, dual band mobile
20. Kenwood TH79A, dual band HT
21. Kenwood TR-7930 2 meter mobile (older model)
22. Kenwood SW-2000 SWR meter
23. Kenwood IF-232C computer interface
24. Icom IC-37A 220 mobile, bad volume pot
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31. Vectronics DL-2500, 2.5kw dry dummy load
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37. Radio Shack general coverage receiver model DX-
38. Radio Shack PRO-2006 scanner with Optiscan 456 installed, pre cellular band
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41. MFJ 1272 mic/tnc switch
42. Model 303 lightning arrester, 1.5-250MHz
43. Startak 2.8GHz counter and charger
44. RCA WV520A VOM
45. Timewave ANC-4 Antenna Noise Canceller & Diversity Combiner
46. Palomar RX noise bridge
47. Vectronics PM30 wattmeter
48. Trunk mount dual band antenna
49. 2EA PK88 TNC
50. MFJ memory keyer
51. Midland 73-007 440 handheld

This is from Mike an Lorie.....at McMurdo Antarctic...!!!

Still trying to stay awake at 12:30 am, I've come to the ham radio station to listen for any activity on the ham bands. Tonight nothing. The old ham shack was about a mile out of town to get as far away from Erebus as possible. It was considered an unsafe building and was razed a couple of years ago. Two days ago we received permission to set up the station in an old Nasa shack closer to town. With a Kenwood 450s transceiver and a broadband antenna we have been trying with no avail to make contacts with the ham community. Hopefully the lack of contacts is bad propagation and not our location behind the mountain



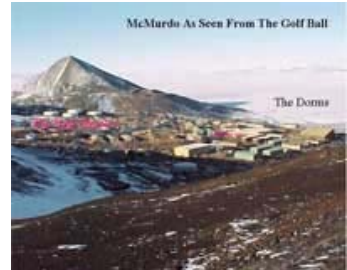
At 1:30 am I've given up again trying for ham contacts, and am on my way back to Mac Relay to turn in the key. This is the outside of the shack and our temporary antenna. The temperature is down in the teens, but the sun is slowly going higher and the temps will begin to warm up soon.

MacRelay-McMurdo station

I've come back to macrelay to turn in the ham shack key. This is me behind one of their radio banks. The transmitters are on the hill behind town and the receivers are across the bay on Black Island to get away from Mount Erebus, which can block signals. This is where they monitor all of the station frequencies and when radio links go down they can cross patch these radios to get back on the air



Wintering at McMurdo Station
My name is Mike Poole and after having stayed here for 2 summer seasons, my wife Lorie and I are continuing on for the long Antarctic winter. Summer saw over 4 months of 24 daylight. Winter brings 4 months of 24 hour night time.



THE TITANIC RADIO ROOM - PICTURES AND STORIES

Here is a nicely constructed web site on the Titanic's radio operations. Even if you only have time to review the pictures, it's worth it. High speed Internet connection recommended.

<http://www.hf.ro/>

SCDXC IOTA TRIP 2005

Folks,

The Southern California DX Club (SCDXC) is at it again, going out to operate from one of the numerous California IOTAs. This time the voyagers will go to IOTA NA-066 (2nd SCDXC Expedition) 2-5 Dec 05

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ELECTRONIC TREASURES AUCTION!!

The San Fernando Valley Radio will stage their annual ELECTRONIC TREASURES AUCTION on November 18, 2005 at their meeting place, the Northridge hospital, 18 Roscoe Blvd, Northridge CA (5th floor) at 7:30. Please plan to attend, and bring your ham friends. Plan also to go through your junkie pile, and bring some of those dusty critters with you. Our auctioneer will do his best to get you top bucks – with which you can buy some OTHER dusty critters to bring back home with you. It is really designed to be a fun event, so please price your junkie with that in mind. Computers are being used with our ham gear more and more, but this auction places emphasis on ham related electronic treasures, so please use your usual good judgment if you bring any computer gear. **If you don't have junkie, come anyway – there will be plenty of irresistible opportunities to acquire some.** More info? Call BILL, KC6T (Tel: 818-360-4640)

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